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<p>In re Application          Inventor(s): Christopher E. Bales et al.          Appl. No.: 10/786,749          Confirm. No.: 2989          Filed: February 25, 2004          Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR NAVIGATING A GRAPHICAL HIERARCHY</p>	<p><u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>          Art Unit: 2174          Examiner: Sherrod L. Keaton  <u>Customer No. 23910</u></p>
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Respectfully submitted,

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